

Dillon, S. C., December 9, 1909.

The Closing Chapter.

Next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock will close one of the hottest contests in the history of the state over the formation of a New County. To those on the outside who have not participated actively in the campaign there is much unwritten history that would be intensely interesting. Throughout the long months of the fight leading up to the time when the election was ordered and even up to the present time perfect harmony has prevailed among the members of the Central Executive Committee, but there have been times when obstacles loomed up so large and apparently so unsurmountable that defeat seemed inevitable. Success, however, in each instance has been attained by the spirit of perfect harmony and unanimity that has prevailed on all occasions, but the work of the Central Executive Committee is done—and well done—and now the fight is up to the people.

There have been delays which the public chafed under because they could not understand—but there was the law which the Committee had to follow step by step—and when it is recalled that in every instance the aid of the statutes or the constitution was invoked by the opposition to impede the work of the Committee, the progress of the movement was necessarily slow.

The first effort to block the movement manifested itself when the commissioner for the old county refused to sign the warrant for the survey. Finally when the commissioner did consent to sign the warrants the treasurer refused to pay them because he said he had no money in the treasury to meet this expense. The cost of the survey was approximated at \$6,000 and the Committee promptly raised that amount among themselves and paid the warrants as fast as they were issued.

After a long delay the survey was completed and then the commissioner for the old county refused to sign, with the New County commissioner, the report to the governor, although the report of surveyors showed that Marion contained more than 900 miles.

It was alleged by the old commissioner, in a separate report to the governor, that did not contain 900 square miles because an error had been made that would materially change the result of the survey. In order to be certain that he was right the governor established a precedent in New County matters by appointing a third surveyor to run the survey alleged to be short and to check the work of the official surveyors and to make a separate report. This was done, entailing a long delay and more expense.

The report of the third surveyor showed that the New County advocates could comply with the constitution in regard to area and as the old county commissioner had already conceded that we had enough property and population within the requirements of the constitution, they had nothing else to stand on and the election was ordered.

The Marion Star, whose editor was the old county commissioner, and in its last issue that the county would never pay for the survey, although the statutes distinctly say (and when the bill passed the general assembly we believe it had the support of the Star's editor who was then a member of that

body) that the expense of the survey shall be borne by the county.

But then those are matters for future discussion. The advocates of the New County are not kicking over the \$5,000 they had to put up to carry on the survey. That was a minor obstacle they had to overcome as compared with other obstacles. They have won out on every issue, following every letter of the law step by step, and they will win the same way on December 14th.

There is left absolutely nothing for the opponents of the New County to stand on. They have exhausted every means known to shrewd lawyers and resourceful politicians to block and defeat the movement even before the issue was submitted to the voters, which is in itself an indication of weakness, and if the election is carried on the 14th, by two-thirds majority there is no power on earth that can keep the 43rd, county from being added to the map of the state.

Happily, it has been a strenuous but happy fight, full of good feeling, and now that it is nearly over there is no occasion for bitterness. The New County advocates have conducted a fair, frank and open fight, adhering in every instance strictly to the letter of the law, and after the final issue on the 14th, they will have nothing to look back upon with regret.

The issue is with the people, and it is to be hoped they will accept it with wisdom.

Our Marion contemporary, The Star, is just as mad as if it had already lost in the New County fight.

If our Marion contemporary, The Star, would smile a little its arguments against the New County might have some force.

Our Marion contemporary, The Star, seems to have a bad case of the "grouch." Cheer up, contemporary; it will all come out in the washing.

The Star newspaper says if the New County is formed there will be a "ring" at Dillon. According to the Star's argument, then, every man who does not like a "ring" certainly ought to vote himself loose from Marion.

If you are approached by an old county friend on the "higher tax argument" ask him how much Marion pays her officers, and how much less than 1/2 of a mill on the entire county assessment it would take to raise that amount.

Our Marion friends are relying on the "tax argument" to defeat the New County, but strange to say they fail to give a comparison of the levy in the new and old counties to back up their assertion that taxes in the New County will be higher. What the people want is figures and the figures can be easily obtained from the Comptroller general's office.

One of the largest taxpayers in the New County said a few days ago that he would like to enter into a contract with every tax payer in the New County to give them all above the present levy, provided they would agree to give him all under the present levy, for the next five years. If our old county friends really believe taxes will be higher in the New County here is an excellent "get-rich-quick" scheme for them to take hold of.

The Marion newspaper said in its last issue that the Messrs. Dillon would offer a "bog hole", as a site for the public buildings, but several hours before the Marion newspaper came from the press the Messrs. Dillon had made an offer binding themselves to contribute, free of cost, one of the choicest, most valuable and best elevated blocks in town for the public buildings. And so it has been all along: The New County people have anticipated by

hours, days and weeks every move of the old county people.

A resident of the old county said some days ago that if the New County were formed the old county would be ruined, but the gentleman never was so badly mistaken in his life. Just the same as the New County will develop and prosper under smaller and more compact territorial management, so will the old county enjoy such an era of prosperity and development that she will wonder why she did not turn us loose long ago. It is a matter of fact that the smaller counties are the most prosperous and progressive.

BUSINESS HOUSES CLOSE TUESDAY.

Every store, office and business house will be closed next Tuesday, Dec. 14th. Every merchant and business and professional man in Dillon has agreed to close on that day in order to give the employees an opportunity to vote and work in the New County election. The stores will close at their usual hour Monday night and will not re-open until Wednesday morning. There will be no business transacted in Dillon that day, as everybody will be working for the success of the New County. Following is the form of petition circulated and the signatures to it:

The Peoples Bank
The Bank of Dillon
L. C. Braddy Co
Bell & Jordan
E. L. Westbury
J. F. Smith
J. A. McEachern
Morris Fass
Staples & Co
E. T. Elliott
The Stubbs Co, by M. A. Stubbs
Southern Loan & Trust Co, A. J. C. Cottingham
Wm. Brick
Dillon Hdw Co
W. H. Dunbar
Dillon Cash Store
Miss Mary H. Barnes
Murphy Bros
Wheeler Hdw Co
L. Cottingham Co
Pee Dee Clothing Co
G. C. Johnson
H. K. Cottingham Shop
Vaughan Furniture Co, by W. Floyd
W. C. Bracey if no one else closes
B. H. Myers & Son
N. B. Hargrove
Brunson Drug Store if other store close go in to fill Rx
J. W. Dillon Son & Co
Dillon Storage Co
W. W. Brown will go in store to fill Rx
J. H. McLaurin if other Drug Stores close go in to fill Rx
Evans Pharmacy, will go in store to fill Rx
J. D. Haselden Town Clerk
Watkins and Moore
Southern Distributing Company
By E. L. Moore Pres and Treas

In addition to the speakers who will be here tomorrow (Friday) from the several new counties in the state, the committee has arranged to get a brass band from Columbia and the pleasures of the occasion will be supplemented by an excellent musical program. The ladies have taken a hand in the matter of entertainment and are preparing all kinds of good things to eat. It will be a gala day in the history of Dillon and everybody, irrespective of their opinions on the question of dividing Marion county, is cordially invited to come and be the guest of the town of Dillon that day. The speaking will commence tomorrow immediately after the arrival of the morning train and after the speaking the dinner will be served in real old time picnic style at the graded school building. Come, and bring your wives, your sweethearts, your children and your neighbor's children. You are to be Dillon's guests that day.

Fine Lands for Sale.

In our next issue, we will have a complete description of some fine productive, healthy, farming and cattle raising property to be sold at Marion Court House next salesday in December. These lands are divided into convenient tracts of from about 200 to 350 acres each, and are to be sold 1/4 cash 1, 2 and 3 years with option of purchaser paying all cash. These lands are part the Est. Of W. C. McMillan, and situated ten miles below Marion at Tabernacle, and are directly on the line of railroad being built from Georgetown north. Timber is sold with usual farming privileges. For further information communicate with W. C. McMillan, administrator, Columbia, S. C., or Montgomery & Lide, Aftys., Marion, S. C.

OUR COMPLETE STOCK

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display. Give us the pleasure of showing you.

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Dillon's New Jewelers.

For Sale or Rent—Four room house in desirable residence section. Apply to Morris Fass.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
MARION COUNTY
In the Magistrate's Court.
Dillon Wholesale Grocery.
Plaintiff
[vs]
P. W. Harsh and George Harsh, co-partners doing business under the name and style of Harsh & Co.
defendants.

By John A. Fore, A Magistrate in and for the County of Marion in the State aforesaid:

To any Lawful Constable: Complaint having been made unto me by Dillon Wholesale Grocery that it is a corporation chartered and organized under and by virtue of the laws of the State of South Carolina and that P. W. Harsh and George Harsh, as co-partners doing business under the name and style of Harsh Bros. & Company, are truly and justly indebted to said corporation in the sum of Forty Two and 75.100 dollars on account of money paid for the use and benefit of said Harsh Bros. & Company and at their request, and that said Harsh Bros. & Company have refused and still refuse to pay the same, you are therefore commanded to summon the said defendant to appear before me in my office in Dillon, in the county of Marion and State aforesaid, on the twenty first day after the day of the date of the service of this summons upon them, exclusive of the day of service, to answer to said complaint, or judgment will be given against them by default for said sum of Forty Two and 75.100 Dollars, and the costs of this action.

Given under my hand and seal at Dillon, S. C., this 7th day of October A. D. 1909.

John A. Fore [L. S.]
Magistrate
To P. W. Harsh and George Harsh co-partners doing business under the name and style of Harsh Bros. & Company, defendants above named:

You will hereby take notice that the Summons in the above entitled action, a copy of which appears above, has been lodged and filed in my office, and unless you answer same in accordance with the prayer thereof judgment will be rendered accordingly.

John A. Fore [L. S.]
Magistrate
Livingston & Gibson,
Plaintiff's Attorneys.

Trespass Notice.

Notice is hereby given that all persons are forbidden to trespass upon any of the lands of the Estate of the late Dr. J. F. Bethes. Hunters are strictly forbidden to hunt upon any of the lands above named and any person who violates this notice will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Mrs. H. Jane Bethes,
Dillon, S. C. Nov. 16, 09. Administrator

SPECIAL COLUMN.

FOR SALE—176 acres fine up land West of and just outside the town limits of Dillon, S. C. Will be sold as a whole or cut in lots to suit purchaser. Terms very reasonable. Write us promptly if interested.
Stackhouse & Smith, Marion, S. C. 10-28-4t.

FOR SALE.—One two story eight room Dwelling house and lot 150X160 ft with good barn and Stables. Rich garden desirable location in the Town of Dillon. A bargain for an early purchaser. Apply at the Herald Office.
11-18-2t

NOTICE.

Anyone wishing to buy two business Lots on Railroad Avenue. One Block from the Depot See W. F. Stackhouse, Dillon S. C.

FOR SALE—Desirable tract of land, one mile from the growing town of Pembroke, N. C., on the main road to Lumberton. 300 acres; will sell as a body or in tracts 25 acres up. Terms reasonable. Apply or write to R. W. Livermore Co., Pates, N. C.
11-18-4t

70 Mens suits carried over from 1 to 2 seasons, original cost \$7.50, \$8.50 and \$10.00, will sell them Friday and Saturday for \$4.98. These goods are now on exhibition in the window, see them. Morris Fass.

Last Appeal.

Keep your stock off of my premises. And avoid being indicted for trespass. Nov. 16, 1909.
ALLEN SURLS.

Lost.

White and black spotted dog about 5 months old. Answers to the name of "Joe". Reward for return to Allen Surls, Dillon.

An opportunity to make a safe investment in town property Dec. 2nd., at the grand auction sale of town lots to be sold at Little Rock regardless of price.

Real estate is a safe investment and town property in a section developing as rapidly as is the Pee Dee is a safe investment. Be with the crowd at Little Rock on the 2nd. of December and buy a choice lot.

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Administrator's Sale.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
MARION COUNTY
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

DELTON K. WRIGHT, as Administrator of the Personal property of the Estate of Joseph O. Sinclair, Deceased, and Martha H. Wright, Plaintiffs,

vs
Neill L. Sinclair, Daniel L. Sinclair, Effie J. Cottingham and Joseph Earle Bryant and W. W. Evans, defendants.

In obedience to a decreetal order granted in above entitled action, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, before the Court House Door in Marion, on the first Monday in December next, during legal hours of sale, the following two pieces, parcels or track of land, situate in the County of Marion in the State aforesaid, that is to say:

One Tract, containing One Hundred Acres, more or less, and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stake 3X0 on a ditch and running thence N. 55 E. 36 to a dead pine 3X0; thence N. 34 W. 6.85 to a Block Gum 3X0; thence N. 56 W. 32.40 to a poplar 3X0 on the Branch; thence up the ditch by its various courses to a stake at the beginning corner, as per plat made by L. McLaurin, Surveyor, on the 8th day of August A. D. 1898.

One other tract, containing Ninety (90) Acres, more or less, and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stake on the east edge of Little Pee Dee Swamp about 122 chains below the dwelling house on said lands, and running N. 75 E. 16.16 to a stake; thence N. 66 W. 16.66 to a gum corner of said branch to the road leading to McKay's Bridge; thence West with said road to east edge of Little Pee Dee Swamp; thence down edge of said Swamp to beginning corner, and being the same tract of land conveyed to Joseph O. Sinclair by Sarah M. Alford by deed dated January the 2nd. 1906.

Purchaser to pay for all necessary papers, and in case he fails to comply with his bid, said tract or tracts of land will be resold on the same or some subsequent sales day at the risk of said purchaser.
D. K. Wright
Administrator.
11-18-3t.

"Toyland" at the Herald Book Store.

Cleaning UP Prices On Coat Suits and Skirts

\$30 Suits	-	-	-	\$ 19.75
27.50	-	-	-	17.50
25	-	-	-	15.00
Misses Suits \$10 Suits \$8.50				
\$9.00	-	-	-	\$7.50
8.00	-	-	-	6.50
7.00	-	-	-	5.50

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